



O'LEARY LIKES HUNT.

He Has Great Reason to Be Grateful to the Hyde Park Police Inspector.

Because the Policeman Was Evidently Very Kind to the Gambling King.

For Years the Greatest Gambling House in the World Existed in Hunt's District.

People Want to Know Why It Was Permitted to Run Without Police Interference.

O'Leary Did a Business of Four Hundred Thousand Dollars a Day While Running.

Has James O'Leary thanked Inspector Nicholas Hunt for permitting his great gambling house and handbook headquarters to run, in violation of the law in Hunt's police district? If so, how?

This is a question that one hears upon all sides.

O'Leary's great pool room and gambling house existed for many years in the very heart of the police district presided over by Inspector Hunt, familiarly known to the public as "Both Hands" Hunt.

For years, this great gambling house in "Both Hands" district was the headquarters for the bookmaking fraternity of Chicago.

It had ramifications all over the city and an agent in every block.

The amount of money passing through the hands of Mr. O'Leary and his agents every day has been estimated at four hundred thousand dollars.

Chicago cried out in vain that its youth was being corrupted and its business being destroyed by this awful institution, but Inspector Hunt, he of the "Both Hands," sat supine.

Why?

What are police inspectors for?

Are they servants of the people, paid salaries for looking after the interests of the people, or are they paid to look after the interests of criminals?

This question has been suggesting itself to the people of Chicago for a long time.

Some years ago, a person, in the uniform of an inspector of police, was hailed before Judge Goggin for contempt of court.

As is customary with police inspectors, this person conceived that he was bigger than the Circuit Court of Cook County.

Judge Goggin looked over the gold-lace covered fellow, eyed his gold-striped arms and then commenced his decision by saying: "A policeman is the lowest officer known to the law."

And so he is.

But a Chicago inspector of police, in some instances, imagines himself so great, in proportion to the law, that he ignores the law's existence and patronizes those who violate it.

The result is wealth and a certain amount of political power.

Captain John McWeeney, the able detective, now commanding the Wood-lawn station, is talked of by many of Mayor Dunne's friends for Inspector Hunt's place. McWeeney is a much better man than Hunt in every way, and would make a model commander of the Hyde Park and Lake district. The friends of Captain Peter M. Kelly are talking him up for the place. Kelly is a fine officer and a well educated, honest man. Other captains whose friends are talking them up for Hunt's shoes are John Rehm, John J. Mahoney, Joseph Kandze, W. P. Clancy, and P. D. O'Brien.

It is generally understood that Hunt is too raw for the Chicago Police Department. He must go.

So the hand book men are going to do business on a steamboat on Lake Michigan.

This ought to please Both Hands Hunt.

Some years ago, five patrol wagon loads of gamblers were caught gambling on a steamboat in Hunt's district.

They were all dumped into the cells at Hunt's police station.

They were not booked.

They were not tried.

They were all released after four hours' imprisonment.

Why?

Perhaps Both Hands Hunt can explain.

O'Leary and Hunt.

The Hunt gang have worked night and day to down Chief of Police O'Neill. They have thrown every obstacle in his way and have knocked him on every hand. They have never succeeded in putting a blemish upon his character, and he stands to-day one of the very best chiefs of police that Chicago has ever had.

Both Hands Hunt!

People noticed during the Herman inquiry that whenever the investigation got on a particularly hot trail it was always switched off. Why?

Hunt and O'Leary.

Why are they afraid of a general graft inquiry at the City Hall?

Inspector O'Leary.

Graft causes discontent among the people.

Graft will bring on a revolution if it is not squelched now.

Both Hands Hunt.

How can we have honest municipal ownership with grafters in all the offices?

Settle the question of graft right now.

Who can blame O'Leary?

Mayor Cregier was personally an honest, upright man and a good official. But the City Hall grafters and policemen who handled gambling graft ruined his administration, as everyone knows.

Hunt let him run.

If the city is afraid to expose its grafters now what will it do when municipal ownership gives it 30,000 additional employees to deal with?

Hunt was the man.

Harrison said there was grafting in every department of the city government. That was only a few months ago. Let's see where it is.

What a police inspector!

For the first time in ten years the Democrats are going to hold a local



CHARLES S. DENEEN,
The Popular Governor of Illinois.

convention away from the North Side Turner Hall. The Democratic County Central Committee has decided to hold the convention for the nomination of nine Drainage Board Trustees and six Judges on June 28 at the West Side Auditorium, West Taylor and Center streets. The primaries will be held on the day before, Tuesday, June 27. The delegates will number slightly over 1,000, being based upon one delegate for every 100 votes cast at the last presidential election, and the delegates from Chicago will number 978.

Inspector of Hand Books.

The people want Municipal Ownership, but they want the grafters turned out first.

Mayor Dunne could make no more popular appointment than that of James O'Shaughnessy for City Collector.

What about graft?

A number of Plenic Politicians, of the Miles J. Devine class, went to Cleveland last Saturday to follow the band there.

That 75th street sewer needs looking up.

Oh, inspect it!

The old Town of Lake gang is still hungry for contracts.

Harrison II. left Chicago in fine shape, we must say. Much the same as Nicholas II. has left Russia.

Why not Hand Books Hunt?

The fewer Minwegens we have in public office the better.

Oh, how Hunt misses Harrison II. just now!

Oh, the Hunt police district is a crackerjack! How much longer will people have to stand for this sort of thing?

Hunt is wondering why Dunne isn't as easy as Harrison II.

Carter Harrison has two solid men on the Civil Service Commission in Salvaging Errand and "Whiskers" Meier. There is not much danger of a general investigation.

The Eagle recently had something to say about the retention of Mr. Minwegen on the Board of Local Improve-

ments. A dispatch to the Chicago Tribune from Cleveland, Ohio, gives some particulars of this man's action on the special train bearing Train Export Dalrymple and Chicago Democrats to the Ohio city. The dispatch said:

"Mr. Dalrymple also had a chance to learn all about American street cars, what they are, and especially what they ought to be. Coming down on the County Democracy train ex-Alderman John Minwegen sat next to him for a solid hour and a half and talked all the time. Mr. Dalrymple said nothing, being too abashed in drinking in Mr. Minwegen's words. The ex-Alderman told him all about street cars, and incidentally how to replace broken planks in wooden sidewalks. Colonel Michael Cassius McDonald sat near and witnessed the entire performance. Afterwards the colonel remarked:

"I had no chance to form any opinion of Mr. Dalrymple from what he said, but he is a boss listener. He sat there for an hour and a half and let Minwegen tell him all about his own business, and he never batted an eye or cracked a smile. Minwegen said he knew all about it, because he was a member of the Committee on Local Transportation while in the Council. What I can't get through my fool head is what was the use of sending for Dalrymple when we had an Alderman so well posted. Perhaps, however, the present ones don't know as much as Minwegen."

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and other parts of the city who are interested in seeing first-class men of affairs put in charge of the great and important business of the Sanitary District. That Mr. Doyle would fill the office in every way to the full and complete satisfaction of the taxpayers and the general public, all who know him are convinced. He is acquainted with drainage affairs, has made a study of the Sanitary District, the construction and operation of the canal and matters pertaining to it, and from every point of view would make an ideal Drainage Trustee.

"Johnnie" Tansey, Chief Clerk in the water office, who spent much of his valuable time last summer trying to elect William Preston Harrison, carpet-bagger, to Congress on the West Side, is slated for retirement.

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BACK TO FIGHT DUNNE

Harrison Returns from California to Help Out the Pay-Roll Cadets in Chicago.

The City Hall Grafters Give the Former Mayor a Warm Welcome,

And Promise Him the Nomination for Mayor in 1907, Which He Accepts in Advance.

Secret Meetings Are Held, at Which Many City Hall Hold-Overs Are Present,

They All Promise Fealty to Harrison and Say They Will Cook Mayor Dunne.

Harrison is back to fight Dunne.

Two months have not elapsed since the late Mayor closed his rotten administration before he is back again seeking to repair his fences and to get his forces ready for future operations.

Members of the Harrison City Hall gang telegraphed to their chief in California to come home at once.

They informed him that Dunne was reorganizing the Democratic County Central Committee, and that his aid was needed to knock the Dunne followers out.

An urgent letter was sent to him giving the situation in full and, thoroughly alarmed, Harrison has returned.

He is a candidate for the Democratic nomination in 1907, and it was with this in view that Harrison and his lieutenants so remodeled the Democratic Committee that they thought they had it for all time to come.

They figured on Dunne's falling into the trap of keeping all the Harrison men in office and the rest was easy.

But recently they became aware of the fact that the Dunne and Hearst men were organizing in the wards, and they then called upon their chief to return.

Several secret meetings have been held, at which the former Mayor was present, and every effort will be made to keep the Harrison men on top at the approaching ward elections.

What do you think of a Mayor who will keep grafters in office? Harrison did it, even after he had openly and publicly announced that the City Hall was full of them.

Edward M. Lahiff, City Collector, resigned his position Tuesday, the withdrawal to become effective Oct. 1. Mayor Dunne accepted Mr. Lahiff's resignation, including the proviso that it should not become operative until Oct. 1, when, as secretary of the Democratic County Central Committee, Lahiff will devote his entire time to the work of the sanitary district and judicial campaign. The resignation of Secretary Lahiff is believed to precede a big shake-up in the City Hall and the prophecy that "there will not be a Harrison man in the City Hall by the time snow flies" was heard again in the corridors as it was soon after Dunne became Mayor.

We are surprised that as able a man and shrewd a politician as Mr. Lahiff should have so far forgotten himself and the tricks he has learned as to say to Mayor Dunne that "no possible combination could carry the Twenty-fifth Ward" against him and his friends.

"A breath unmakes them as a breath has made."

All that Mayor Dunne has to do to carry the Twenty-fifth Ward this own ward by the way, is to say that he wants the delegates, and he will get them.

"The King is dead, long live the King!"

Mr. Lahiff, by resigning, has separated himself from the charming embrace of political heelers and relegated himself to that private life into which ecstatic state he sent so many during the Harrison II. ascendancy.

Mayor Dunne is on top to-day and the talismanic virtues of the never-

falling payroll will repeat the lessons of its glorious past.

As long as the standard of the long green floats over political citadels, the Knights of Rest will never tarry by the side of a fallen comrade.

The payroll is their ordnance of war and it beckons the ward workers to new scenes of glory, like the white plume in the helmet of Navarre.

Lahiff has passed.

Hall, and farewell!

To the Editor: Why is there not an investigation of the Water Assessor's office? As an old employee of the Water office, I think Commissioner Patterson might make some rich discoveries if he got after the Assessors.

WATER OFFICE CLERK.

That "Garfield Park Driving Association" must certainly be a high-class institution. Miles J. Devine has been elected President of it.

Is there much graft in the Water Assessor's office?

Commissioner Patterson ought to look up the Water Assessor's office.

There is much opposition to the reappointment of Clayton Mark on the School Board. He was a Harrison II. discovery and hence is a back number. His friends are pulling strings, though.

Mayor Dunne is going to shake up the Board of Education and the Public Library Board. He also will make important changes in some of the principal positions in the public school and public library systems. The Mayor is now at work selecting the new men whom he will appoint.

At the end of the present month the terms of one-third of the twenty-one members of the Board of Education expire and a majority of these will be supplanted by new men whom Mayor Dunne will select. In addition to the men who are to take the place of those whose terms expire this month the desirability of securing a change in the personnel of the board whose terms do not expire until next year is also being considered. Some of the members, anticipating a general change in the makeup of the board, are said to be preparing their resignations.

It is the plan of Mayor Dunne not only to keep the public school system free from politics, but also to make it thoroughly representative of Chicago and free from fads. The influences which have been at work to permeate the schools with fads and experimental ideas are to be wiped out during Mayor Dunne's administration. It was also said recently that the efforts of socialists and labor unions to influence the appointments upon the board or to prevent any appointment will be disregarded by Mayor Dunne.

The Harrison gang are pushing John Minwegen for Sanitary Trustee! This is the limit.

Although Mayor Dunne wished them postponed until September, the Harrison officeholders on the Democratic County Central Committee called the ward club elections for next Thursday. They expect Harrison to control them.